STATE OF NORTH CAROLINAD WAKE COUNTY 2015 MAR 17 P

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO.: 11 CVS 19323

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,

Petitioner

Pennone

v.

CORY A. WILLIAMS, Attorney,

Respondent

CONSENT ORDER DISSOLVING PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

THIS MATTER came on for consideration by the undersigned Judge of the Superior Court of Wake County on motion of Petitioner, the North Carolina State Bar. Petitioner was represented by Leanor Bailey Hodge. Respondent, Cory A. Williams, represented himself. Based upon the consent of the parties, the Court makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. In December 2011, the State Bar initiated an audit of Williams's trust account.
- 2. Based on the preliminary results of the State Bar's audit, the parties entered into a Consent Order of Preliminary Injunction dated 23 December 2011.
- 3. Williams cooperated with the State Bar in its investigation into his handling of entrusted client funds.
- 4. The State Bar has concluded its investigation into Williams's handling of entrusted funds and it is no longer necessary to preserve the status quo.
- 5. The State Bar has closed its file relating to this matter.

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS, the Court makes the following Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The State Bar has concluded its investigation into Williams's handling of entrusted funds and it is no longer necessary to preserve the status quo.
- 2. Williams should be permitted to resume serving in a fiduciary capacity, including as trustee, escrow agent, personal representative, executor or attorney-in-fact.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. This Court's 23 December 2011 Consent Order of Preliminary Injunction is hereby DISSOLVED.
- 2. Williams shall continue to comply with his responsibilities under the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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This the	day of	March	, 2015.

Wake County Superior Court Judge

Presiding

WE CONSENT:

Cory A. Williams

Respondent

Leanor Bailey Hodge Attorney for Petitioner

The North Carolina State Bar